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SUBJECT 1. Government Exchange of Dollars
2. Categories of Taxes for Independent Farmers

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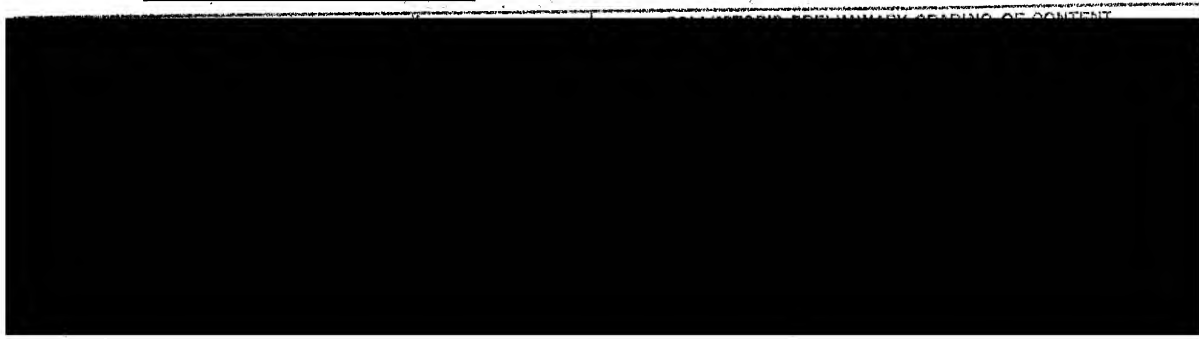
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1. The value of the American dollar has been fixed at 37 leks. However, the Albanians are not given leks in exchange for dollars. They may surrender dollars in their possession to banks in Korce, Gjinokaster, Vlone, Shkoder and Tirana. In return they receive certificates which may be used to purchase goods from the Government stores. Recently the black market price of the certificates has been five times that received in the Government stores.
2. Farmers who do not belong to collectives and who have more than ten stremel of land have been classified into four tax categories.² Those belonging to either of the first three categories must turn over the following products to the Government:

a. Category 1

- 45 kilograms of wheat at 2 leks per kilogram
- 60 kilograms of corn at 2½ leks per kilogram
- 80 kilograms of barley at 4 leks per kilogram
- 2½ kilograms of meat, given without payment
- 190 grams of wool
- 9 eggs at two leks per egg

b. Category 2

- 42 kilograms of wheat
- 50 kilograms of corn
- 80 kilograms of barley
- 2½ kilograms of meat
- 150 grams of wool
- 9 eggs

c. Category 3

- 40 kilograms of wheat
- 48 kilograms of corn
- 80 kilograms of barley
- 2½ kilograms of meat

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150 grams of wool
9 eggs

3. Farmers who have poor land have been put in the fourth tax category.
4. Independent farmers who have less than ten stremas of land must pay their taxes in leks; the amount required yearly varies from 1,000 to 5,000 leks.
5. If a farmer grows sugar beets, his entire production goes to the Government for one lek per kilogram. For fruit trees, the tax is determined according to the type of tree. The tax for a fig tree was 2,000 leks.
6. Taxes must be paid by 20 September. If payment is delayed, fines are imposed.

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1.  Comment: Equals 937 square meters.
2.  Comment: The category in which a farmer is placed is presumably determined by the productivity of his land.

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